Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : What was the reason that weighed with the Government in deciding like that ?

Mr. K. George : As I have already stated, Sir, extension of time was allowed only for the deposit of the money and not for application. Those who had applied in time made representations to Government praying for extension of time for the deposit of the money ; and the Government thought that their request was reasonable.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether the Government propose to extend the time further ?

President : That question cannot be asked.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : What is the average yield in an acre of cardamom land ?

Mr. K. George : I claim notice.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : What is the area that has been encroached upon ? Has it been ascertained ?

Mr. K. George : The survey has not been completed yet.

President : That was already answered. The area is under survey.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : It was stated yesterday, in answer to a question, that the total area of encroachments would come to only about 2,000 odd acres.

President : Roughly ; that was all.

Mr. K. George : It was only a rough estimate made by the Devicolam Commissioner.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : What is the area available for registry in the cardamom reserve ?

Mr. K. George : The whole of the cardamom reserve is about 336 sq. miles in extent, of which about 49,000 acres have already been occupied and improved ; and the Devicolam Commissioner says that the remaining area available for registry, within the reserve, for cardamom cultivation, would be about 50,000 acres.

Allotments for public works in the Quilon P. W. Division for 1108, 1109 and 1110.

125. **Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount yearly allotted for the Quilon P. W. Division during the years 1108, 1109 and 1110 and the amount actually spent in these years respectively, for

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original works, original irrigation works and maintenance of Irrigation works ;

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

The Kodayar Reservoir.

126. ***Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the exact total acreage of paddy lands within the Kodayar Project area ;

(*b*) the extent of land converted since the construction of the Kodayar reservoir ;

(*c*) the maximum quantity of water which the Kodayar reservoir can now hold ;

(*d*) whether there has been any diminution in the quantity of water from the days of its construction ; and

(*e*) whether the Kodayar reservoir is in a position to supply water for all the lands lying within its area even if the seasons are quite normal ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) 54,268 acres.

(*b*) 18,359 acres up to the end of 1109 M. E.

(*c*) 4276·31 Million C. ft. of water.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Kodayar Reservoir supplemented by the Paraliyar and Pazhayar can irrigate the acreage of 54,268 acres if not more during normal seasons.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai ; May I know from the member whether there has been scarcity in the tail end lands even when there is sufficient supply of water in the reservoir ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I believe there is.

Mr V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether the Chief Engineer thinks that a supplemental scheme is necessary so as to increase the supply of water in the reservoir ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not think the member should ask what the Chief Engineer *thinks*.

Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman (Nominated) : Then entered the Council Hall and took his seat.

President : I was myself searching for the member to allow him to ask his questions. You can now put your questions, Mr. Kunjitomman.

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Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 125.

Statement of allotment and expenditure for Public Works in the Quilon Division 1108 to 1110.

	1108		1109		1110		Remarks.
	Allotment Rs.	Expenditure Rs.	Allotment Rs.	Expenditure Rs.	Allotment Rs.	Expenditure Rs.	
Original works. ...	2,61,577	2,22,192	2,99,858	2,47,139	2,40,020	87,483	The expenditure to end of Edavom is taken in the case of Quilon Division and that to end of Mithunam is taken in the case of Quilon Irrigation Division.
Original Irrigation works ...	51,167	36,208	34,437	23,835	54,786	20,807	
Maintenance of Irrigation works ...	5,907	4,286	6,029	4,198	6,029	2,795	